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Dear Mr. Thornton,

Fred Hansen, EPA's Deputy Administrator, announced during the Tolerance Reassessment Advisory Committee on July 14, 1998, that the Agency was going forward with an interim process for releasing to the public organophosphate (OP) preliminary risk assessments. This letter serves to transmit the Office of Pesticide Programs' (OPP) preliminary risk assessment for the OP fenthion for which you hold a registration for technical material. We are providing you with a 30-day period to identify and comment on errors only. Your comments must be received by COB Thursday, August 20, 1998. If we do not receive your response by that date, we will assume you have no comments. The Agency will review and evaluate your comments on errors upon receipt and on September 9, 1998, place into the OPP's Public Docket a copy of the Agency's preliminary risk assessment, your comments, and the Agency's review and discussion of your comments on errors.

It is important to note that at this time the Agency will respond only to comments about factual errors, which do not pertain to matters of policy, interpretation, or applicability of data. Errors include, but are not limited to, mathematical, computational, typographic, or other similar errors.

Please mail your comments about fenthion's preliminary risk assessment to Bill Sproat. If you have any comments about the above, please call him at 703-308-8587

Sincerely,

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